for purposes of demerger/amalgamation of the radio business. In accordance with the modified policy, the Ministry has been authorized to grant permission to the FM Broadcasting companies for creation of subsidiaries, merger/demerger/amalgamations of companies by way of transfer of shares within the period of five years from the date of operationalization of the channel, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

(i) The majority shareholders/promoters would continue to remain as majority shareholders/Promoters and together should hold at least 51% of the total shares.

(ii) The new corporate entities would maintain their FDI Component within the prescribed limit and would not violate the terms and conditions of the tender document and Grant of Permission Agreement.

(iii) The new Corporate entities should have minimum prescribed net worth and adhere to all the terms and conditions of the tender document and the provisions of the agreement.

(iv) The new Company shall sign a fresh agreement with Government on identical terms and conditions (except for transferability of Shares as provided herein) for the remaining period of license of the original company.

(v) Such transfer of shares would be permitted only once during the first five years period from the date of operationalization.

(vi) No New tax regime will be designed to provide any incentive to encourage creation of subsidiaries, merger/demerger, amalgamation of FM Broadcasting companies.

(vii) Any tax implication arising out of such mergers/demergers or amalgamation would be governed by the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as applicable from time to time.

(viii) The processes/action taken by the licensee companies including for formation of new companies/subsidiaries/mergers/amalgamations and/or disinvestment of undertakings, or part thereof, of existing companies etc., need to be compliant with the Companies Act, 1956. The applicant shall not dilute such requirement through its Articles of Association or any Agreement.

Golden Quadrilateral Project

†*77.SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Quadrilateral (NHDP Phase-I) project was proposed to be completed by December, 2010;

(b) if so, the amount that could have been saved by the timely completion of the project;

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(c) whether action has been taken against contractors responsible for delay in timely completion of work and executing sub-standard work;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether assessment of the initial bottlenecks, *i.e.* matters relating to Forest Department, Railways and acquisition of land, etc. was not carried out at the commencement of the project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Out of 5846 km. of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ), 5713 km (97.72%) has already been completed and balance 133 km is under implementation.

(b) As there is a provision of price escalation clause in the Contract Agreements, the cost of construction may increase based on the wholesale price index and final cost of construction can be assessed only after finalization of the project.

(c) to (d) Quality of construction is maintained as per specified standards. Due to delay in completion of project, 11 contracts of GQ have been terminated by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) due to consistent non-performance of the contractors. Further 7 foreign and 11 Indian Contractors working in GQ were declared as non-performing contractors who were debarred from bidding for NHAI projects. List of terminated contracts of GQ is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below). The list of contractors who have been working in G.Q. and who have been declared as non-performing is enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below).

(e) to (f) NHAI has well defined policy for project identification and implementation. The feasibility study and detailed project report of a proposed project is carried out through a consultant, appointed through International Competitive Bidding, who possess relevant experience in the field of similar highway projects. After undertaking the feasibility study and identifying the suitable alignment, Detailed Project Report including the technical parameters, bill of quantities, matters related to Forest Department, Railways and acquisition of land etc. for construction of National Highways are prepared by DPR consultant guided by relevant Technical Specification as well as various notifications published by Government. It has been a continuous endeavour of the NHAI and the Government to pursue resolution of the pending issues, through periodic monitoring.

Statement-I

Golden Quadrilateral Project.

List of terminated Contracts in GQ

S. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length (km.)	When terminated
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Chitradurga bypass	4	18	Apr.—2006

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Ganjam to Icchapuram (OR-VIII)	5	50.8	Jan.—2004
3.	Shikohabad to Etawah (GTRIP I-B)	2	59.02	Jun.—2004
4.	Srikakulam to Champawati (AP-1)	5	48	Dec.—2004
5.	Etawah Bypass	2	13.6	Apr.—2005
6.	Haveri - Harihar	4	56	Jan.—2007
7.	Harihar - Chitradurga	4	77	Jan.—2007
8.	Balasore - Bhadrak (OR-III)	5	62.64	Dec.—2007
9.	Sunakhala - Ganjam (OR-VIII)	5	55.71	Apr.—2008
10.	Tumkur Bypass	4	13	May—2008
11.	Bridges Section (WB-III)	6	1.732	Aug.—2008

Statement—II

Golden Quadrilateral Project.

Non-Performing Contractors and Projects Delayed by these Firms (Foreign and Indian) in GQ Project

Sl.No.	Name of the Firm	Projects Delayed
1	2	3
	Foreign Firms	
1.	Bhumihighway Venture Berhad, Malaysia	Ganjam - Icchapuram
2.	Centrodostroy, Russia	Fatehpur - Khaga (TNHP/II-C)
		Handia - Varanasi (TNHP/III-C)
3.	China Coal Construction Group Corpn., China	Shikohabad - Etawah
4.	Dolomite Inudstries Co. Sdb. Bhd, Malaysia	Chitradurga bypass
5.	Sticco Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Sunakhala - Ganjam (OR-VII)
6.	UEM Builders (6551-K) Malaysia	Haveri - Harihar
		Harihar - Chitradurga
		Chitradurga - Sira
7.	You-one Engineering Construction Co. Ltd. Korea	Srikakulam to champawati

1	2	3
	Indian Firms	
1.	Ashwani Construction Company India	Etawah Bypass
2.	A.L. Sudershan Cons. Co. Ltd. India	Tumkur Bypass
		Chitradurgha Bypass
3.	APIL (Subsidiary of Afcons Infrastructure Ltd.) India	Hubli- Haveri
4.	Bhageeratha Engineering Ltd. India	Bridges Section (WB-III)
		Etawah Bypass
5.	DD Builders Ltd. India	Ganjam - Icchapuram
6.	M/s Essar Group India	Haveri - Harihar (Terminated)
		Harihar- Chitradurga (Terminated)
		Chitradurga - Sira
7.	M/s Progressive Construction Ltd.	Varanasi-Mohania section of NH-2 GTRIP/IVA

Refugees from Myanmar

†*78. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that about one lakh Chin refugees from Myanmar have entered into India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government in regard to these refugees; and

(d) in what manner Government would ensure to send back all these refugees from India and not to get involved in any kind of separatist activities in North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Rajamunda-Panikoili NH

*79. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the National Highway Rajamunda and Panikoili is in a very bad condition; and

(b) by when Government is proposing to make it a four-lane road as the transportation of mining ore is being done to port head by this road only?

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